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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5315**  
Sadao MIZUNO et al. : Docket No. 2003\_1573  
Serial No. 10/694,993 : Group Art Unit 2655  
Filed October 29, 2003 :

CONVERGING ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD,  
AND APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
OPTICALLY RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING INFORMATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: